tions be carried out to create an enabling environment for increasing supply of land and rental housing, which is the best way to stablise the price of land and shelter.

Encroachment in front of offices of Newspapers

2989. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the amounts which are recoverable from various newspaper establishments on Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg;

(b) what are the detailed break-up of the demand in each case in terms of conversion/misuse/damages, etc;

(c) since how long the cases in which the courts were moved are pending;

(d) whether the trafic and parking in front of the offices/establishments of the newspapers have become chaotic and even green areas in the neighbourhood are being encroached; and

(e) what remedial measures have been taken or are being comtemplated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The information is given in the statement enclosed. (*See* Appendix 173, annexure No. 63)

(c) The case of Indian Express Newspaper Pvt. Ltd. is pending before Delhi High Court since 1987.

(d) and (e) The sites for parking have been allotted to Indian Express and Children Book Trust by the MCD on payment of tehbazari which is being regularly paid by the allottees. It has further been reported by the MCD that as and when any encroachment on account of parking comes to the notice of the local body the same is removed under the provisions of MCD Act.

CPWD fire fighting system

2990. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "CPWD fire fighting system non-functional" which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 11th January, 1995;

(b) if so, whether the fire fighting system in buildings controlled by CPWD are inadequate and risky, resulting in damage to some flats in Pragati Vihar;

(c) whether Government propose to strengthen the fire fighting system of CPWD; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Delhi Fire Service inspected the Pragti Vihar Hostel and found the fire fighting arrangements to be adequate. The 'No Objection Certificate' to continuance of occupancy for Pragati Vihar Hostel was issued by them on 28.1.1994.

(c) and (d) The CPWD has installed necessary fire fighting equipment in the various Multi Storeyed buildings in Delhi as per statutory provisions. However, the usefulness of these equipments has been sub-optimal in the absence of wholetime trained personnel to man the Fire Control Rooms.

Contribution of private sector to New Housing Policy

2991. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the contribution of private sector, since the enforcement of the New Housing Policy, for